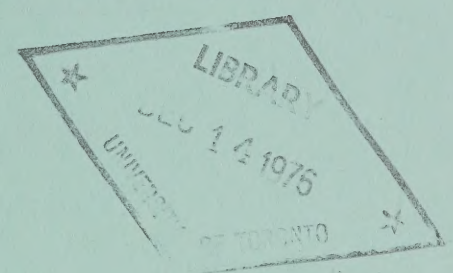


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LOCATION

Laurentian University

DATE AND TIME

May 3, 1975
10:30 a. m.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Chairman opened the meeting by informing the University College delegations that an Ontario Economic Council study of post-secondary education in Northern Ontario would begin in the summer of 1975 with an investigator to visit each of the Northern universities and university colleges.

The President of Nipissing College distributed and highlighted its brief and the Chairman of the Board read a statement which was circulated.

The Algoma College brief was reviewed and highlighted by the Acting Principal. He stressed that Algoma hoped to demonstrate that OCUA's advice to the Minister on levels of supplementary support had been inadequate and inequitable and noted that he had submitted an appeal to the Minister based on the situation confronting Algoma with Lake Superior State College but had received no response. The Chairman noted that OCUA had not received a referral from the Minister in this regard. The Acting Principal reviewed in detail the Lake Superior State College (LSSC) situation. He noted that there was a request before the State Legislature that out-of-State fees be reduced for Northern Ontario students from the present level of \$1200 to \$548. LSSC's programme offerings were in direct competition with those of Algoma and it was felt that such a fee decrease, if approved, would form an additional incentive for Ontario students to take post-secondary education in Michigan.

DISCUSSION

Subsequent discussion was directed toward areas common to all three university colleges in which their objectives or practices differed significantly.

(i) Financing

Council noted that of the three university colleges only Hearst and Nipissing had managed to establish break-even budgets for 1975-76. The delegations from these colleges stressed that this did not reflect an adequate level of funding. However, maintaining operations within the inadequate provision was necessary as neither felt that they could finance a deficit and expect to survive.

Off-campus part-time enrolment was found to be proportionately greater at Hearst (50%) and Algoma (10-12%) than at Nipissing. The latter offered only one off-campus programme at a distance inadequate for additional funding.

The results of financing inadequacy were manifested differently at each of the colleges. Algoma felt that if more funds were available, programme offerings could be broadened to attract students expected to be lost to Lake Superior State College. As well, it was stressed that LSSC housed excellent athletics and recreational facilities which Algoma could not afford to duplicate. Nipissing College felt that it was losing students to Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology through having inadequate funds to compete for students. At Hearst funds were considered inadequate to cope with territorial expanses and the sparse population base.

(ii) Relationships with Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology

Competition for students with local colleges of applied arts and technology was felt more keenly at Nipissing than at Algoma. However, Algoma felt competition for students hinged more on the low standards required to gain admittance to its sister CAAT than on inadequate funds. It was pointed out that elsewhere in Ontario CAAT presence

in the same locale as a university was seen as an alternative in post-secondary education rather than as competition, and it was suggested that the competition experienced by Nipissing and Algoma could be attributed to differences in northern communities.

(iii) Library Support

The proportion of the operating budget devoted to library acquisitions and personnel at the three colleges was as follows:

Algoma - 15%; Hearst - 8%; and Nipissing - 5%.

(iv) Bilingualism

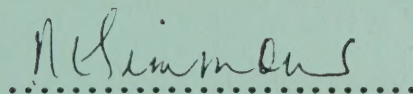
Bilingual offerings at the university colleges and at Laurentian were reported to have evolved by chance. It was suggested that room existed for greater cooperative efforts among the four in this regard.

(v) Average Section Sizes

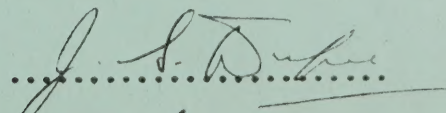
Average section sizes at the university colleges, including off-campus courses, were as follows:

Algoma - 21; Hearst - 15; Nipissing - 19.

It was stressed that in the case of Hearst the situation was more difficult than reflected by the average section size as the College carried both French and English offerings to its widely scattered off campus centres.


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N. E. Simmons
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